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WASHINGTON.

Our Regular Correspondent Writes an Interesting Letter from the National Capital.

The chasm in the Democratic ranks caused by the nomination of Cleveland has perceptibly widened since the Free Coinage bill was finally defeated by the House, and while the Free Coinage Democrats are not doing much talking for publication, they are freely predicting privately defeat for Cleveland and the loss of the House for the Democratic party, by reason of the defection of the silver men in that party.

Ex-Speaker Reed led the assault in the House which definitely settled the fate of the Free Coinage bill by a vote of 154 to 136. There was a larger attendance than had before been on the floor of the House for four or five months. It was not until the day before the fight that the Republican members, who saw their power to dictate the action of the House, fully decided to kill the bill. For a time it was thought that they would let the Democratic factions fight it out among themselves, but after a free exchange of opinions it was decided that the best thing for the entire country was that they should take the leading part in crushing the bill instead of allowing the Democrats to pass it, and having the President kill it with a veto, as he would have done.

The Republican Senate, true to the record of the party showed that it believes in upholding Christianity and moral reform by adopting Senator Quay's amendment to the clause of the Sunday civil bill providing for the coinage \$5,000,000 in souvenir silver half dollars, for the World's Fair prohibiting the opening of the exposition on Sundays, and of Senator Peffer's amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor on the exposition grounds.

"Now, let the Democratic House defeat these amendments if it dares," said Senator Quay.

The difference between Democratic and Republican methods has been sharply defined by the Pennsylvania labor troubles. Last May the House after some very hard kicking in its favor by the Alliance Members, authorized the Judiciary Committee to investigate the Pinkerton detective system and its methods, and appropriated the money to pay the expenses of the investigation. The resolution was quietly laid away by Mr. Oates, who had been designated as Chairman of the sub-Committee, which was to make the investigation, presumably with the intention of waiting until Congress had adjourned and then making a leisurely pleasure tour at the expense of the people while engaged in the investigation. Had that investigation been promptly made when it was first authorized it is probable that no armed force would have been sent to Homestead by the Pinkertons, and the lives lost there would have been saved.

Early this week Mr. Oates took his partisan sub-Committee to Homestead in search of Democratic campaign material, and not of the cause of the trouble there. The Senator will also investigate, but, mark the difference; it will do it through a select non-partisan Committee of seven, three Republicans, three Democrats, and Senator Peffer, which will endeavor to get to the bottom of the trouble without fear or favor. Which method is the right one?

The Democratic House refuses point blank to appropriate one cent from the National Treasury towards entertaining the veterans who will attend the G. A. R. encampment, and it was only after a prolonged wrangle that it agreed to allow the District of Columbia to spend \$90,000 from its own revenues for the purpose.

That the so-called People's Party movement is nothing but tender to the Cleveland machine is every day becoming more evident. Already the Third Party Congressmen have dropped the mask and openly admit that they are making the fight, not to elect their candidate, but, to throw the election into Congress and make the election of Cleveland certain. Their only object in putting up a National ticket was to make a basis upon which to trade with the Democrats in doubtful Districts for votes for their Third Party Congressmen, believing it possible thereby to elect enough Third Party men to the next House to enable them to hold the balance of power in that body.

Now that the silver bill is dead and buried beyond resurrection, there is no good reason why Congress cannot finish its business and adjourn before the first of August. An agreement between the Senate and House on the date of adjournment is expected to be reached in a very few days. Standard Oil influences having secured the Democratic nomination for

ESSAY.

THOUGHTS ON BEN HUR.

It is no easy task to gather together coherently and set down in an interesting form for the eyes of others, the thoughts and sentiments that may have been aroused by the perusal of some tale of fiction or of fact. Thoughts, sentiments, there may be; in the thoughtful reader such must ever exist. Yet, how different is it, to give outward expression to that which is in the heart. The most facile pen loses its swiftness as it reluctant to begin the task before it.

Before the beauty and simple solemnity of such a book as "Ben Hur," the grandest criticism seems but childish folly, and those all mere foolish quibbles, resting like tiny bubbles on the water, for a moment in the minds of the public, and then to disappear, leaving only the name of "Ben Hur" to shine as does a meteor in the sky, in the horizon of fame.

Were I a critic of the best standing I should hesitate before the open pages of this book and for a moment pause ere I had a desecrating hand upon it, and I ask that you who may read this, will remember that what I have set down here are merely the thoughts and feelings created in my heart by this "tale of the Christ, and not criticism.

In this era in the literary world of fiction and romance, "Ben Hur" has not passed by unnoticed, and there are few, I think among the thousands who have in fancy followed the varied fortunes of the son of Hur, who do not recognize its superiority over the majority of fictitious works.

Presenting as the title page of the book, the public and the interest which for eleven years it has excited in the public mind, we gaze for a moment upon this, then with reverent fingers turn the title pages, to seek in the book itself the secret of this charm.

This viewing with thoughtful sight this creation of the novelist as we turn the chapters slowly with unexperienced hand we come with quickened breath and lightened eye, to that part wherein we feel like mostly the secret of its fame. I speak of the life of Christ.

I have selected as the title page of the narrative, the interest of the public, throughout it is a type of the life of any member of the human family to-day. In it we read of pomp and poverty, power and humility, strife and bloodshed, of joy and sorrow, and to end in the Christ.

So our lives go on from day to day, blending together in the wool of life the dark and golden threads dotting it here and there with bright hopes and ambitions, and then at last end, with many of the shining hopes and ambitions scattered, broken, or given up for higher things, with one bright, golden streak—the Christ.

Looking back "as through a glass darkly" along the path of the centuries, something we see with our weak vision of the beauty and simplicity of Jesus of Nazareth, and somewhat of a longing there is born within us for the day when "we shall see him as he is." The birth of our Savior is depicted in a most beautiful name. Eloquence and simplicity are here so well combined, as to suit the comprehensions and satisfy the taste of the learned and the unlearned, of the old and the young. All may read that beautiful story, the grandest, while the simplest in all the world, and reading, understand. Such a beautiful thing is simplicity.

Let us go up now to the garden of the palace on Mt. Zion, and standing there a moment beside Judah and the Roman, look abroad over Jerusalem, the City of the Kings, shadowed now in the dusky light of evening, yet, beautiful, most beautiful. Even the power of Rome has not effaced that beauty. Now looking beyond its marble palace and show of pomp and splendor, we see hovering above it all a cloud on its fair horizon—the shadow of the Roman eagle.

From the palace of David, the voice of Caesar goes forth over the land of Judea, the voice of authority and of power, and the noble race of Kings in Israel, is there not one left? Not one. But harken from out the dim past the voice of the Prophet, and then Bethlehem art not the last among the princes of Judah, for out of thee shall come a governor that shall rule my people, Israel.

Looking forward a few years more, we see the gilded eagle banished from its pedestal of tyranny, and Jerusalem under yet more ignoble yoke, for from the temple on Mt. Moriah, in place of the smoke of sacrifice, floats the crescent of the Turk, and where once the silver trumpets of the Levites called a nation to prayer, the hills of Judea echo the praises of Mohammed. Such is thy fate, Oh, Israel! and for thy scattered people, unless they flee from the

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"Walk behind in the mule's dust? Get right in here and ride with me. That mule would kick your brains out if you got within reach of his heels."

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"The champion damphool in seven States."

"Good gracious! What have you done?"

"It's this way, stranger: I moved here week before last and got acquainted with the Widder McCall, who has eight children and a face that would stop a Chinese funeral. She let it drop casually that she owned \$80,000 worth of bonds, and I eyed my whiskers and acted giddy till she accepted me. We were married yesterday, and this morning she showed me them bonds. They were issued 15 years ago by the Hudson Bay and Gontogology Railroad, and had papered the garet with 'em. I don't feel in no mood 'for ridin', but if you'll let me walk behind in that mule's dust I'll be much obliged."

"Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers," was a line of alliterative nonsense, that the children used to say. Nowadays they can practice on the Perfect, Painless, Powerful Properties of Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. It will impress a fact which will be useful to know. These Pellets cure sick headache, bilious attacks, indigestion, constipation and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. They are tiny, sugar-coated pills, easy to take, and, as laxative, one is sufficient for a dose. No more groans and gripes from the old drastic remedies! Pierce's Purgative Pellets are as painless as they are perfect in their effect.

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The way of the World.

It is a bad thing to be a woman and be found out. With the man it is different, altogether so. The finding out to him is attended with some trifling inconveniences, which, not in the fashionable, but in the actual meaning of the word, assisting in removing the stains, and the man is as good as new, while the woman goes to destruction at her own gate. Or if she doesn't go, it isn't the fault of society, and perhaps it is other women who speed the going.

A Cincinnati incident illustrates the fact. The night clerk at the Galt House in particularly moral city knocked at the door of a hotel at three o'clock in the morning, and, being admitted, ordered the man in the room to go to the room to which he had been assigned, and ordered the woman to leave the hotel. Whatever crime here was, it was at the instance of the man; but the woman it was who was to be turned into the streets of a great city at an unreasonable hour, friendless, disgraced and unprotected. The man who was worse than the woman, no matter how criminal she may have been, was to have his comfortable room and the usual attention of the hotel.

Pleadings were of no avail; the clerk's rigid ideas of the justice to be meted out in such cases shielded the man and condemned the woman, being careful, first, to take the last cent she had in payment for her hotel bill. It never occurred to him that if the woman was unfit to remain in the hotel, the man, who was married and had a family, was equally unfit, more unfit, as matter of fact; his sense of propriety permitted him to retire from the room, while the unfortunate woman dressed, but that was all. The man found with her went to his bed, and the woman opened the window and went to her death—a woman well born, tenderly raised, beautiful and accomplished, whose crime was in being the victim of a villain.

But it's the way of the world to judge of men and women and their sins and shortcomings as the rigid righteous clerk of the Galt judged—but the sentiment in the public mind which impelled him to judge as he did, is discreditable and disgraceful.

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